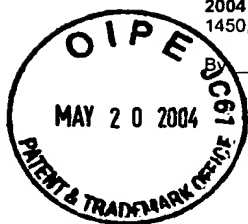


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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed February 17, 2004, on the above-referenced patent application, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application.

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